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SUBJECT: VESCO SEIZURE OF VESSEL

1. VESSEL HELD IN FLORIDA IN VESCO RELATED MATTER WAS REMOVED JULY 9 IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT ORDER AND SAILED TO FREEPORT, BAHAMAS. VESSEL DEPARTED FREEPORT 0230 GMT JULY 11 (2130 JULY 10 FREEPORT TIME), DESTINATION UNKNOWN. WE HAVE REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT VESSEL IS HEADED EITHER TO JAMAICA OR PANAMA EN ROUTE TO COSTA RICA. COAST GUARD ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE VESSEL'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

2. DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL:

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123' MOTOR YACHT; WHITE HULL; 0-1 AND 0-2 DECKS; 0-1 DECK EXTENDS TO STERN; 0-2 DECK EXTENDS TO BRIDGEHOUSE; WHITE LIFEBOARD ATHWARTSHIPS; SINGLE STACK AMIDSHIPS; BOWSPRIT WITH MERMAID FIGUREHEAD; SQUARE WINDOWS ABOVE MAIN DECK; PORTHOLES BELOW RUB RAIL EXTENDING FROM STERN ALONG PORT AND STARBOARD SIDES. VESSEL REGISTERED IN PANAMA UNDER NAME PATRICIA III, BUT NAME ON TRANSOM HAS BEEN PAINTED OVER. REPORTEDLY VESSEL CARRYING NAME JOYA OCEANA SINCE ITS REMOVAL FROM FLORIDA, AND STILL FLYING PANAMANIAN FLAG. CREW REPORTEDLY MADE UP OF PANAMANIAN NATIONALS. CAPTAIN PANAMANIAN NATIONAL, SURNAME RUFO (PHONETIC).

3. DEPT. HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN LOCATING VESSEL, IN VIEW OF VIOLATION OF US COURT ORDER INVOLVED IN ITS REMOVAL FROM FLORIDA. ACCORDINGLY, ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM DEPT. IMMEDIATELY OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING VESSEL'S WHEREABOUTS OR POSSIBLE DESTINATION.

FOR PANAMA: PLEASE POUCH TO DEPT. IMMEDIATELY COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONSULAR OFFICE FILES DISCUSSED IN KOZAK/DYELS TELECON. INGERSOLL

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